

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1066 - SB 1232

March 12, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Transfers administration of the Water Environmental Health Act from the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (C&I). Adds an additional member to the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$52,800/One-Time
\$1,000/Recurring**

Other Fiscal Impact – A shift of approximately \$233,000 in annual federal funding from the Department of Environment and Conservation to the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Assumptions:

- Current federal grant funding received for the training and certification of wastewater operators will be shifted from TDEC to C&I. These grants total approximately \$233,300 per year.
- One-time expenditures associated with the transfer total \$52,775 (\$1,800 printing; \$11,000 communications – including public hearing, mailings, and newspaper notification; \$3,375 training; and \$36,600 for the cost of transferring information systems between departments.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with one additional board member is estimated to be \$1,000. Such expenses are assumed to cover travel reimbursement, per diem, and any additional cost of materials for an extra board member.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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